County Court offices, and for that wee find that many of the L. H. J. Record books in the land Commissary and Secretarys offices are so very much worn, that a Speedy care must be taken to have them mended at the publick charge, and are likely to be a continual charge to the publick, by the neglegences of the Clerks being Secure that they are not obliged to make them good the better to prevent such charge and to secure the Estates of the Inhabitants for the future wee think it necessary and Just that as the officers who hold all or any of the Said offices are intituled to the fees so they ought to bear the Burthen, and charge of keeping such record books in due repair, and should before their Entrance on the execution of such office hereafter be obliged to give good Securety in this Province for the due Execution of their respective offices & keeping the Records in the like order they receive them, and that the officers now in place be obliged by the day of give such securety or be disabled to hold their several offices, and that a bill may be brought in accordingly with which your Ex^{ncy} and Hon^{rs} concurrence is prayed

Signed p order Tho: Macnemara Cl: Lo: ho:

Sent To the Upper house by Co¹ Mackall M^r Stoddert Co¹ p. 152 Hoskins M^r Hopkins M^r Alexander Warfield and M^r Charles Wright

They return and say they delivered it.

M^r Thomas Bordley from the Conference appointed about the Stile of the laws reported the progress made by the Comittee in that matter which he read in his place and then delivered it M^r Speaker which was approved & ordered to be entred as follows (Viz)

Maryland ss

Att a Conference held at the house of M^r John Dodd on ffriday the 20th July 1716.

Present Thomas Brooke Esq^r) [Philemon Lloyd Esq^r L' Col Richd Tilghman | Upper house Col Wm Holland Co¹ Thomas Addison | Co¹ Thomas Smith | of Assembly and M^r Thomas Bordley M^r James Lloyd M^r James Stoddert Co¹ In^o Mackall of the Lower M^r Joseph Hill John Rousby Esq^r house of Lt Col Edwd Scott L' Col Ine Ward Assembly Maj^r James Harris Col James Maxwell Co¹ Nath¹¹ Hynson M^r Charles Wright